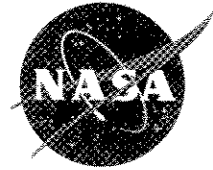


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Reply to Attn of:

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Evening Cruise and Reception in conjunction with International Astronautics Congress (IAC) sponsored by Arianespace, Inc.

NASA employees attending the IAC have received an invitation to attend an Evening Cruise and Reception hosted by Arianespace, Inc., in conjunction with the IAC, September 30, 2008, beginning at 7:30 p.m., at Clyde Maritime Center, Glasgow, Scotland.

This event will be a widely-attended gathering of representatives of industry, government and not-for-profit organizations, including the heads of NASA, European Space Agency, French Space Agency (CNES), German Space Agency (DLR) and the Canadian Space Agency. The ceremony is valued at approximately \$50.00 per person and approximately 180 individuals total have been invited to attend. I find that the event meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g)(2).

I have determined that the attendance of NASA employees at the Arianespace event is in the interests of the Agency because it will further Agency programs and operations. Attendance at this event will allow discussion of issues of mutual interest with international and national business and government leaders, and will support NASA's statutory mandate to disseminate information concerning its activities and results.

Accordingly, invited NASA employees attending the IAC in an official capacity may accept free attendance at the event. They may also accept invitations, if extended, for accompanying spouse(s) or guest(s).

Questions about this determination may be addressed to me at 202-358-1775.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam F. Greenstone", written over a horizontal line.

Adam F. Greenstone